

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 21, such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The unit of Claim 21 wherein said composition comprises sodium chlorite and an acidic component.

4. (Previously Presented) The unit of Claim 21 wherein said composition generates chlorine dioxide gas.

5. (Previously Presented) The unit of claim 21 wherein said holder is a drawer, pivoting pocket, slot or tray.

6-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) A unit as in Claim 21 wherein said indicator signal is a light or an alarm activated upon passage of said time interval.

9. (Previously Presented) The unit of Claim 21, said unit having a top and a front wherein said holder is in the top or front of said unit.

10. (Previously Presented) The unit of Claim 21 wherein said container holds from about 50 g to about 500 g of said composition.

11. (Previously Presented) The unit of Claim 21 wherein said composition is a solid, a liquid or a combination thereof.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The unit of Claim 26 wherein said container is comprised of a nonwoven polyethylene or a nonwoven polytetrafluoroethylene.

14. (Previously Presented) The unit of Claim 21 wherein said container is a sachet, bag or pouch.

15. (Previously Presented) A unit as in Claim 21 wherein said access port is configured such that the contents within the interior of the unit, other than said container, may not be accessed therethrough.

16-20 (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A unit comprising an enclosed space not easily accessible for cleaning and deodorizing, the unit having an interior and an exterior, the unit comprising:

a container permeable to water or water vapor, holding a composition which generates an antimicrobially active gas;
an access port in the unit openable from the exterior of the unit to permit placement and replacement of the container;
a holder for said container, accessible through the access port, which retains the container within the interior of the unit at a location exposed to the ambient air within the interior; and
an indicator device ~~activated upon each placement or replacement of said container,~~
~~said indicator device provides~~ for providing an indicator signal in response to a predetermined time interval between openings of said access port.

22-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) A unit as in claim 21 wherein said container is comprised of a microporous nonwoven hydrophobic polymer sheet material.